GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1497
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VISIT TO NEPAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home Secretary visited Nepal recently;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held during the visit; and

(c) the outcome thereof, sector-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): Home Secretary level talks were held in Kathmandu from July 4-7, 2000. At this meeting, the two sides discussed modalities to enhance cooperation in combating activities of terrorists, criminals and other undesirable elements, including along the India-Nepal border. Cooperation between the law enforcement agencies of both the countries and improved management of the India-Nepal border were also discussed. It was agreed to further intensify cooperation and jointly coordinate measures, including stepping up vigil along the contiguous border districts of India and Nepal, to counter activities inimical to India`sinterests. Shared concern on this matter was evident from the determination exprssed by both sides to take urgent necessary steps to control misuse of the open border between the two countries. It was also agreed to introduce with effect from October 1, 2000, a pruned downlist of photo identification documents that would be valid for air travel by Indian and Nepalese nationals between the two countries.